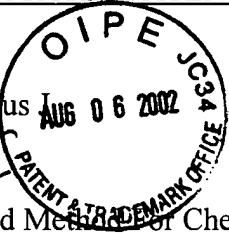


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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated January 15, 2002, please  
amend the application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 (i.e., lines 4-5) with the following paragraph:

This is a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/763,181, filed  
December 11, 1996 and now U.S. Patent No. 5,935,862. A co-pending application is U.S.  
Application Serial No. 09/296,602 filed April 23, 1999.

In The Claims:

Please replace claims ~~1~~, ~~2~~, ~~12~~ and ~~13~~, with the following paragraphs:

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1.(Once Amended) A method of detecting the presence of an analyte, comprising the  
steps of: